

GERMAN FLEET DEFEATS ENGLISH FLEET IN GREATEST NAVAL BATTLE IN HISTORY

British Lose Three Battleships, Three Cruisers and Several Destroyers

GERMANS REPORT LOSS OF TWO CRUISERS

Engagement Occurs in North Sea Off Jutland Coast. Accounts Meager

LONDON, June 2.—(7:45 p. m.)—After rumors had been flying about all day that a naval battle had occurred in the North sea, the British public was given news by the admiralty this evening that will send a painful shock throughout the country.

According to the admiralty announcement, in an engagement off Jutland on Wednesday afternoon the British battle cruiser fleet met a German fleet with the result that three British battle cruisers were sunk, together with three cruisers and several destroyers while six destroyers were still unaccounted for.

The battle seems to have lasted through the afternoon and the following night. The German fleet's losses are stated to have been serious, but no very definite information of these losses is afforded by the admiralty announcement. One battle cruiser is declared to have been destroyed and another severely damaged while the belief is expressed that a large number of German destroyers were disposed of. The news was flashed out in special editions of the evening newspapers and caused greater consternation in the west end of London than had been witnessed on any previous occasion since the declaration of war. The frankness of the admiralty announcement concerning the serious nature of the British losses and the apparently small losses of the Germans in comparison led to the assumption in most minds that the British vessels must have been led into a mine field.

Following quickly upon the admiralty announcement came the German official version of the fight which in general confirms the British account, but carries the claim that the British battleship Wapscite also was sunk and other British battleships damaged.

The German losses, according to the German version of the battle, were the small cruiser Wiesbaden, sunk by gun fire, and the warship Pommern, sunk by a torpedo while the cruiser Frauenlob and a number of torpedo boats were missing.

Germans Claim Victory.

BERLIN, June 2.—(By wireless to Sayville)—The German admiralty announced today that the German high sea fleet on May 31 had encountered a British fighting fleet. The engagement which developed, the admiralty says, was favorable to the Germans. The battle continued all night.

The German admiralty announces that the large British battleship Wapscite, the battle cruiser Queen Mary and the battle cruiser Queen Elizabeth were destroyed and two armored cruisers were destroyed.

It is also reported that a small British cruiser, a number of torpedo destroyers and torpedo boats were sunk.

The German admiralty statement adds that, by observation, it was established that a large number of British battleships suffered damage from the fire of the German big ships and the attacks of the torpedo boat fleet.

Rescue Crews.

The admiralty statement also declares that the British battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo, this being confirmed by the prisoners rescued. Several of the German ships rescued parts of the crews of the British ships which were sunk, they including, it is said, two men from the Indefatigable, the only survivors of that ship.

On the German side, the small cruiser Wiesbaden was sunk by gunfire and the Pommern was sunk by the bottom by a torpedo. The fate of the Frauenlob is not known and some torpedo boats did not return. The German big sea fleet, the statement adds, returned to port June 1.

Fought Entire Night.

The German admiralty report, which is dated June 1, says: "During the enterprise directed to the northward, our high sea fleet on May 31 encountered the main part of the English fighting fleet, which was considerably superior in force."

"During the afternoon, between Skagerrak and Horn Riff, a heavy engagement developed which was successful for us and which continued during the whole night."

"In this engagement, so far as known up to the present, there were destroyed by us the large battleship Wapscite, the battle cruiser Queen Mary and the battle cruiser Queen Elizabeth, and several of the Achilles type, one small cruiser, a new flagship of destroyers, the Tubant, Neostore and Alcazar, a large number of torpedo boat destroyers and one submarine."

Other Ships Damaged.

"By observation which was free and clear of objects, it was stated that a large number of English battleships suffered damage from our ships and the attacks of our torpedo boat fleet during the day engagement and throughout the night."

"Among others the large battleship Marlborough was hit by a torpedo. This was confirmed by prisoners."

"Several of our ships rescued parts of the crews of the sunken English ships, among them being two and the only survivors of the Indefatigable."

"On our side the small cruiser Wiesbaden, by hostile gun fire during the day engagement and his majesty's ship Pommern, during the night, as the result of a torpedo, were sunk."

"The fate of his majesty's ship Frauenlob, which is missing and of some torpedo boats, which have not returned yet, is unknown."

"The high sea fleet returned today (Thursday) into our port."

Losses Awful.

The losses in the engagement must have been extremely heavy. The battle cruiser Indefatigable, for instance, from which the German admiralty reports only two men were saved, probably had more than nine hundred

ACTIONS PROVE MEXICAN NOTE MORE BLUSTER

Despite Threatening Tone Troops Disposed Along the Border.

WORK IN ACCORD WITH U. S. PLANS

Wilson Will Not Frame Reply Before Early Part of Next Week.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—Despite the threatening tone of General Carranza's last note, his military forces in Chihuahua state are being disposed in general accord with the plan disclosed by General Obregon during his conference at El Paso with Generals Scott and Funston. This was shown today when General Funston sent word that the twenty thousand Carranza soldiers mobilized within the last few days at Chihuahua City had been spread over the region and controlled by General Pershing's column in a way to carry out an active pursuit of bandits.

Secretary Baker said that General Obregon had promised to send a large number of men in pursuit of the bandits and all war department activities indicated that this plan was being carried out. He added that he now knew of nothing to prevent the sending of new expeditions into Mexico after raiders provided a hot trail was followed. Otherwise he declined to discuss statements in the Carranza note particularly those portions that contained the threat of a counter-attack that no more troops would be sent into Mexico. Mr. Baker holds that any discussion of the note is not a war department matter. He has already placed in the hands of Secretary Lansing a complete written report of the conference, prepared by General Scott.

Preparations Friendly.

Army officers who studied the Mexican troop dispositions as reported by General Funston said they appeared to be in accord with a plan to police the country and did not indicate the preparation of an unfriendly demonstration toward General Pershing's force. The Mexicans have been for the most part distributed in small commands to police definite sections. No large force is being held in one place and the reports added that no entrenchment or entanglement has been observed. So far there has been nothing to show that military preparations for an attempt to drive out the Americans have been set in motion. On the other hand, reliable information has been received in official quarters that all of Carranza's advisers stand solidly behind him in the expressions of his note. Nothing has come to indicate the temper of the people of the Mexican City or elsewhere in the country, following his publication.

There were no indications today that the state department was preparing to meet Carranza's note with a demand for withdrawal or for a definite statement of the intentions of the United States toward Mexico.

COULDN'T AGREE ON WAGES OF MINERS

Call Off Negotiations Between United Mine Workers and Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 2.—Negotiations between representatives of Districts 14, 21 and 25 United Mine Workers of America and members of the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators association to effect new wage contracts in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri for the next two years, were called off temporarily today and the conferees left for their homes. Claims by the mine owners that striking miners in the Pittsburg district had violated the present working agreement and should be forced by the unions to return to work were refused by the miners who claimed lack of jurisdiction in the settling of the question. Adjournment followed.

Labor troubles were not expected to follow the adjournment as the present agreement provides that miners shall continue work while negotiations are pending even if wage contracts have expired. No date has been set for resumption of negotiations.

Boy Is Injured.

The condition of Donald Bell, the 15-year-old son of George W. Bell, 224 North Denver, who was injured in a collision with an automobile on July 1914, and the Lutzow a year after 10 o'clock, was reported as serious at a local hospital late last night. The lad is suffering from concussion of the skull and it is thought he suffered internal injuries.

The boy was on his way home, riding a bicycle, when, on turning a corner, he collided with an automobile. It was reported that the lad had collided with a street car but this report was untrue, the street car being several blocks distant at the time of the accident.

AUSTRIANS LOSE HEAVILY IN FIGHT

Are Repulsed Time and Again in Struggle Between Adige and Brenta.

ROME, via London, June 2.—(10:46 p. m.)—The following official statement was issued tonight: "The battle between Adige and Brenta is growing continually more desperate, especially along the front of the Posina torrent and in the Sette Comuni zone, south of the Arza valley. In the Lagarina valley an intense artillery duel continued yesterday, our fire greatly impeding the enemy's movements. Our attack in the upper Val d'Adige succeeded in gaining some ground."

"Along the Posina front on Wednesday night repeated violent enemy attacks against the northern slopes of Forni, in the Al valley and in the direction of Quarzo, southeast of Arsiero, were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy while the raid and precise fire of our artillery completed the destruction of the attacking columns."

"There was an intense and uninterrupted bombardment by numerous batteries of all calibers yesterday against our lines from Colle di Zomo to Rocchetta. On the left wing, where the enemy had amassed strong forces between Posina and Fusine, he made sanguinary but vain efforts to advance toward Monte Spiri. On the right wing, strong enemy columns opened violent attacks against the Seghesio front, but after a desperate action were completely repulsed."

HOUSE VOICES APPROVAL OF PREPAREDNESS

Passes Naval Measure Carrying Enormous Building Program.

WILL GIVE U. S. GREATER NAVY

Only Four Members Voted Against It; Army Bill Already Passed.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—The second of the big preparedness measures, a naval appropriation bill larger by many millions than any ever before considered in congress, passed the house late today almost unanimously. It carries a building program for the year next of five battle cruisers, four scout cruisers, ten destroyers, fifty submarines and 130 aeroplanes, provided for a government armor plate plant, authorities an increase of nearly seventeen thousand enlisted men and appropriates a total of \$269,900,000.

As passed the bill is substantially the same form as framed by the naval committee. Only a few amendments were adopted during a week of debate and during a final effort by Republican members to have the measure recommitted with instructions to add two battleships, two scout cruisers and ten destroyers was beaten, 189 to 183. The fight for an increase in the building program at least by the addition of two battleships will be renewed in the senate when the measure is taken up there late this month and administration leaders believe it will be successful.

Four Negative Votes.

The four negative votes were cast by Representatives Browning, New Jersey, and Graham, Pennsylvania, Republicans; Randall, California, Prohibitionist, and London, New York, Socialist.

The passage of the bill the house completed the major portion of its share in the preparedness program. Of the three bills carrying the important provisions of the program—the army, navy and fortifications measures—only the last named remains to be considered.

Twenty-five Democrats voted with the Republicans today for the motion to recommit and increase the building program.

Increases totaling more than \$40,000,000 were added by the house to the committee measure. Of this \$22,000,000 covers an amendment adopted increasing the number of submarines authorized to fifty. The committee had recommended only twenty.

Other provisions added carry \$11,000,000 for a government armor plate plant; \$2,000,000 for enlargement of navy yards; \$2,700,000 for increasing the navy's personnel and \$1,500,000 for aeroplanes. The armor plate provision already has passed the senate as a separate bill.

Reorganization plans recommended by Secretary Daniels, including increasing the duties and authority of the chief of operations, are authorized in the measure and provision is made for building up a strong reserve for the enlisted personnel.

MARTIN GLYNN MADE DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS SELECTS FORMER GOVERNOR.

No Allotment of Tickets Yet Made. Will Erect Additional Seating Floor.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Martin Glynn, former governor of New York, was elected temporary chairman of the national democratic convention by a subcommittee on arrangements of the national committee here tonight.

The meeting of the subcommittee adjourned tonight after a lengthy discussion concerning the allotment of tickets, but no announcement as to whether or not a decision had been reached was made.

The convention hall architects reported that the plan to erect a temporary balcony to seat several thousand persons was feasible and that the work could be completed in time.

ROOSEVELT AND HUGHES LOOM UP AT CHICAGO

Fight for G. O. P. Nomination May Narrow Down to These Two.

MANY FAVORITES ARE MENTIONED

Republicans and Progressives May Get Together on Candidate.

CHICAGO, June 2.—There were numerous conferences between party leaders today but so far as could be learned, no agreement on candidates was reached and there was no development that accurately indicates which candidate is likely to be nominated for president by the Republican national convention on Tuesday night the outcome seems as much in doubt as ever.

While on the surface the fight appears to be between Roosevelt and Hughes, or Roosevelt against the field, there was a marked increase in activity at the headquarters of the various "favorite sons" candidates. Managers of the Root, Weeks, Burton, Fairbanks and Sherman teams insisted that their candidates would remain in the fight until the end. After tabulating the vote claimed for Roosevelt they expressed the opinion that the successful candidate either would be one of the "favorite sons" or a dark horse. The plan of the old organization leaders is said to be to try and win, first with Root, and if they fail in that effort, to give Burton, Weeks, Fairbanks and Sherman a tryout in the convention in the order named. In the event of failing to put over any of these the plan is to propose a national ticket, according to reports in circulation. Senator Warren C. Harding of Ohio and Governor McCall of Massachusetts were mentioned as dark-horse possibilities.

Say Teddy Will Win.

Friends of Roosevelt assert he will win after the formality of giving the "favorite sons" candidates a preliminary vote has been disposed of, while Hughes supporters declare their candidate will be nominated early in the proceedings.

There was a suggestion made today that committees be appointed by the Republicans and Progressives to confer in an effort to decide on a candidate who would be acceptable to both sides, but this suggestion was not taken up.

"In our statement issued in January we said that our first advance in

DANISH STEAMER SEES FIGHT START

British Torpedo Craft Was Examining Its Passport When Germans Arrive.

COPENHAGEN, June 1.—(Via London, June 2, 2:36 p. m.)—(Delayed by censor).—According to the Politiken, a Danish steamer arrived today (Thursday) at Friedrichshafen which had witnessed a battle in the North Sea. The steamer reports that yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon, 120 miles off Helsingland, it was stopped by two British torpedo boats to have its papers examined.

At the same moment a large German fleet appeared and the British warships immediately prepared for action. The German fleet, which approached at a moderate speed, consisted of five large modern dreadnaughts, eight cruisers and twenty torpedo boats and destroyers.

Suddenly the Germans began firing, and several torpedoes splashed around the British boats without, however, hitting them.

The British ships went westward, pursued by the German fleet. At 5 o'clock the cannonade was renewed and continued until 9 o'clock in the evening.

Two Zeppelins were seen going at full speed northward to the scene of battle.

PUTS PREMIUM ON ARMY TRAINING

United Fruit Company Will Give Bonus to Men Who Will Report to Camps.

NEW YORK, June 2.—The United Fruit company, its employees learned today, has offered to grant any man in its service who wishes to attend a military training camp this summer not only four weeks' vacation with full pay but an expense allowance of \$75. More than eight hundred corporations have granted their employees four weeks' leave with full pay if they wish to attend the training camp, but the United Fruit company, so far as is known, is the first that has promised to pay expenses as well.

The total enrollment for the Plattsburg camp today reached 10,727.

Out For Congress.

OKLAHOMA CITY, June 2.—W. W. Hastings of Tahlequah filed today as a candidate for the nomination for congress in the Second district. Hastings is the man against whom Campbell Russell made a strong fight two years ago.

Steamer Sunk.

LONDON, June 2.—(By 2 p. m.)—The British steamer Barrow Vernon, a vessel of 1,779 tons gross, has been sunk, according to Lloyd's. The steamer was not armed.

MEXICAN TROOPS OUT FOR BANDITS

General Trevino Has Completed Disposition of Men in Northern Mexico.

El Paso, June 2.—General Jacinto Trevino, commander-in-chief of Carranza's northern Mexican troops, has completed the disposition of his troops, according to a message today from Chihuahua City to Andres Garcia, the Mexican consul here.

PROGRESSIVES HINT AT CONCILIATION

Are Willing to Unite With G. O. P.'s Provided Man Is Roosevelt.

CHICAGO, June 2.—Some of the delegates, who arrived here today for the national convention of the Progressive party, which opens the same day the Republican convention holds its initial session, said that the attitude of the Progressive party toward the Republican organization should be one of conciliation. These delegates were also of the unanimous opinion that no candidate but Col. Theodore Roosevelt would be strong enough to defeat President Wilson in November.

Among the Progressives who arrived today were Gov. Hiram W. Johnson of California and James A. Garfield of Ohio.

Unusual War Stories to Appear in the World

The thousands who have been reading the European war articles by Joe L. Balderston in the Sunday World will be interested in the announcement that, beginning tomorrow, a series of six stories, written by Mr. Balderston on the firing line, will be published. These stories are considered the greatest of the war and the largest newspapers in the United States will feature them prominently. Mr. Balderston, considered by many the world's greatest war correspondent, has been the guest of the British general staff at the British headquarters in France and Belgium. He has been accorded unique facilities for seeing the British front, and incidentally the German front opposing it. This will be not only the most important series of articles that Mr. Balderston has yet produced, but among the most important contributions from any source since the war began.

The series of Balderston's story on the front page of the second section of tomorrow's World.

SOUTHERNERS WILL LEARN GAME OF WAR

Business Men From Twenty-two States Will Answer Rollcall at Fort Oglethorpe.

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga., June 2.—Two hundred and eighteen business and professional men from 22 states have signified their intention of being present tomorrow when the rollcall for the June encampment of the southern military training camp is called.

Georgia will be represented by 48 students, the largest number from any one city.

Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Kansas are among the states represented in the enrollment. So far no New Yorker's name is on the official list. Saturday will be given over to organization and distribution of equipment.

SHREVEPORT MAYOR DIES ON SLEEPER

Was on His Way to New York When Attack of Gastritis Proves Fatal.

ST. LOUIS, June 2.—Samuel A. Dickson, mayor of Shreveport, La., died on a New York Central train in union station here this noon, which he boarded intending to go to New York.

Just after reaching the train he complained of feeling ill. He became unconscious and died before a physician could be called.

Mayor Dickson was accompanied by his wife and by Leon L. Kahn, commissioner of public utilities of Shreveport. Commissioner Kahn said Mayor Dickson became ill while he was going through Papin bluff. He lay night on a St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern train. He was suffering from acute gastritis.